OPINION 1673

LIPARIDAE Gill, 1861 (Osteichthyes, Scorpaeniformes): spelling confirmed

Ruling

(1) It is hereby ruled that for the purposes of Article 29 of the Code the stem of the generic name *Liparis* Scopoli, 1777, is LIPAR-.

(2) The name *Liparis* Scopoli, 1777 (gender: feminine), type species by absolute tautonymy *Cyclopterus liparis* Linnaeus, 1766, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *liparis* Linnaeus, 1766, as published in the binomen *Cyclopterus liparis* (specific name of the type species of *Liparis* Scopoli, 1777) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(4) The name LIPARIDAE Gill, 1861 (type genus *Liparis* Scopoli, 1777), spelling confirmed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2440

An application for the confirmation of the spelling of LIPARIDAE Gill, 1861 was received from Dr Kenneth D. Vogt (*Anchorage, Alaska, U.S.A.*) on 25 April 1983. After correspondence the case was published in BZN **45**: 130–131 (June 1988). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. A comment from Prof L.B. Holthuis (*Nationaal Natuurhistorisch Museum, Leiden, The Netherlands*) was published in BZN **45**: 292 (December 1988), together with a comment in support from Mr Alwyne Wheeler (*The Natural History Museum, London, U.K.*). A comment in support from Prof E. Mayr (*Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A.*) was published in BZN **46**: 45 (March 1989). A comment on the etymology of *Liparis* from Prof H.D. Cameron (*University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, U.S.A.*) was published in BZN **47**: 296–297 (December 1990). Comments from Drs B.A. Korotyaev & E.P. Nartshuk (*Zoological Institute, St Petersburg, Russia*) and Dr H. Silfverberg (*Zoological Museum, Helsinki, Finland*) were reported by Dr P.K. Tubbs (*Executive Secretary, ICZN*) in BZN **47**: 297–298 (December 1990). Use of the plenary powers was not specifically requested in this case (BZN **45**: 131) and Prof Cameron (BZN **47**: 297) stated that the correct spelling of the family-group name was LIPARIDAE. The Commission was asked to confirm formally this spelling and to agree to place the name on the Official List.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1991 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **45**: 131. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1991 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 25: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 1: Lehtinen.

No vote was received from Cogger.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Liparis Scopoli, 1777, *J.A. Scopoli... Introductio ad Historiam naturalem, sistens genera Lapidum, Plantarum et Animalium...*, p. 453.

liparis, *Cyclopterus*, Linnaeus, 1766, *Systema Naturae*, Ed. 12, vol. 1(1) p. 414.

LIPARIDAE Gill, 1861, *Catalogue of the fishes of the eastern coast of North America, from Greenland to Georgia*, p. 47.